

MARRIAGEABLE AMERICAN GIRLS DISCLAIM DESIRE TO ENTICE

Interest in The Herald's "Man and Superman" Letter Writing Contest Grows as End Approaches.

Thankful that mothers and daughters, as well as fathers and brothers, were willing to freely express their opinions on the attitude of Bernard Shaw toward the marriageable daughters of America and their mothers, the essay editor sent a goodly part of Thanksgiving Day reading the many letters sent. The Washington Herald by its readers in answer to the three vital questions embraced in this contest.

Without a doubt, the interest created in the play, "Man and Superman," warrants the assertion that when Robert Loraine appears at the Columbia Theatre all next week in the stellar role of John Tanner he will be accorded a hearty reception by his Washington admirers, as well as those of Bernard Shaw, the brilliant author—and they seem legion.

THE PRIZES.
For the best letter—\$25 in gold.
For the next best letter—lower box for Mr. Loraine's performance in "Man and Superman" at the Columbia Theatre.

For the next best letter—each one a pair of seats for one of the performances of Robert Loraine in "Man and Superman" at the Columbia Theatre.

Know reader of The Washington Herald is eligible. Write your letter to-day.

THE QUESTIONS.
Here are the questions to be answered or discussed in your letter:
"Is Mr. Shaw justified in claiming there is no such thing as a marriageable daughter?"
"Do American girls really want to marry rather than risk single life?"
"Do American mothers, in thinking so much of the morality of marriage for their daughters, neglect proper consideration of the men into whose hands they give the future happiness of their children?"

THE RULES.
All letters will be considered and the prize winners will receive the prizes to Monday night a performance of "Man and Superman" at the Columbia Theatre. The winner of the first prize of \$25 in gold will be announced at the end of the first act.

The Herald reserves the right to publish, in addition to the prize winners, any letter that may be of interest. Write and send your letter to-day. Every day this work letters will be published in the columns of The Herald.

Write your letters plainly and distinctly on one side of the paper, giving correct name and address. Bring or mail them at once to the "Man and Superman" Essay Editor, Washington Herald.

Contest closes 6 p. m. November 28.

Mother's Love Protects.
In answer to question 3—Undoubtedly they do not, the American girls are too intelligent and independent to consider such an idea.

In answer to question 2—The American mother loves her daughters, she watches them tenderly from the day of their birth until they grow into womanhood; it is her great desire, should they marry, that they are happily united. Under no consideration would the American mother disregard the moral and physical qualifications of the man whom her daughter is to marry, be he rich or poor.

Mother's Love Supreme.

Abundant would be Mr. Shaw's assertion that "there is so much shame about society" if by reference to "society" he had in mind the general and proper meaning of the word as given in Webster's Dictionary; namely, "the more cultivated portion of any community in its social relations and influence." The natural assumption is, however, that he intended this term to include merely that class domiciled in our social and commercial centers commonly known as the "four hundred" or "upper ten." Any social classification predicated upon the extent of worldly possessions and the number of "blue-blooded" ancestors, rather than upon intelligence, achievements, industry, and morality, must necessarily be not only deceptive, but also, and more so, demoralizing and immoral as well.

It is undoubtedly true that the morals of many women "in society" have become so warped by false social standards that they have permitted social and material ambition and lust to overshadow their true motherhood instinct to such an extent that they neglect proper consideration of the men into whose hands they give the future happiness of their daughters. The imputation, however, that the average American mother would willingly be guilty of such neglect, is without the least foundation in fact. No love can compare with a mother's love, and her daughter's happiness, both present and prospective, is ever her one and only consideration. A true mother's happiness is dependent, in a great measure, upon that of her children, and it is absurd to say that any American mother would willingly encourage her daughter in marriage without first taking every precaution to the end that the man, upon whom that mother's happiness and the mother's happiness in this respect might not only result in the unhappiness of her daughter, but jeopardize her own future happiness as well.

Personal attraction of woman to man is the divine gift of all womanhood. Were it not, the nations of the earth would soon depopulate and this fruitful land revert to a barren waste. Attraction is synonymous with entice, and it is under a custom which renders it proper for the man only to make advances with matrimonial intent, that any question is raised as to the propriety of American girls enticing men into marriage. So

called "single blessedness" brings a lonely old age, and, to most women, the prospect of a life without home and children has indeed a gloomy aspect. In these days of high cost of living, decreased birth rate, and wary bachelors, a girl is not only entirely justified in enticing a man into marriage, but her action in this respect is highly commendable.

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Goodliness and Goodness Apparent.

Bernard Shaw presents only one side of the question, and that the worst. He may and may not believe what he writes, but he is a dangerous philosophy for the young, the untutored, or the unreasoning mind, for it depicts in a plausible, attractive, and insidious way what really exists but which if practiced would disrupt homes and result in social chaos.

Everyone knows that there are shams in all walks of life, that among those whose wealth enables them to gratify their desires, pretence and pleasure are companions of ennu and idleness, that the women of this class, having nothing to do but have their own way, carefully weave a web around the most desirable men, for unless they have enough money to lift a poor man up to their financial footing and are willing to make him independent, they are not likely to leave luxury for the privations that lie before them and be satisfied with love and poverty. These women are the exception. A woman of the great middle class does not consider money when she loves. Nothing affects her loyalty as long as she has confidence in the object of her affection and the idea of entering a man into matrimony is as abhorrent as marrying for money. Mothers of this class are deeply interested in the future of their daughters and do not exhibit the basest of basins, counter. Naturally they are anxious for them to get good husbands, but they do not offer them for sale to the highest bidder.

Mr. Shaw appeals to the morbidity that is always lurking for the speck on the rose apple, the yellow stain on the ivory, "the rift within the lute." He digs up unwholesome truths and makes them haunting ghosts to disturb the peace and harmony of existing conditions; he flaunts depravity in the face of respectability and calmly inquires, "Can you deny it?"

There are low, vicious, and immoral people in all walks of life, but they are the small minority, and while it is impossible to weed out evil completely, the trend of public opinion is reflected in determined official effort to curb and remove all forms of depravity. While Mr. Shaw's writings present the worst phase of pictured life, the rebuttal of his argument saves the situation when it is proven that the world is steadily advancing in goodness and goodness notwithstanding the contaminating influence of social parasites.

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Treasury Department.

Nouveau Riche Gality.

The very title of this article suggests one of the most discussed topics of the day.

I do not believe society as a whole is so corrupt or contains as much sham as some picture it. Society is a unit; the parts depend on one another. One part suffers because the rest is not right. Therefore, we can each know only very little about the whole of society. Real culture consists precisely in the power to find pleasure in simple things. The coarse and vulgar always have something extraordinary to amuse themselves and I believe there is as much culture in the society folk as the so-called middle class.

No, I do not believe American girls entice men into marriage rather than risk single life. For to-day when most women have had the chance to learn the fundamental things in life, they can as a rule, be themselves to positions so as to maintain themselves comfortably and not be forced to marriage as a last straw for a livelihood.

As for American mothers neglecting proper consideration of their future son-in-law, we cannot take them as a whole, for there are still mothers left, both in society and out, that do not aim for a husband for their daughter with the word "rich" in capital letters annexed to their name, so bright that it blinds them in looking for other qualities. That there are still mothers who look out for their daughters' happiness both in society and out we must admit. I think it is the newly made suddenly rich ones that generally aim that way. We must not judge the whole of society by a few of the unworthy ones in it.

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Women Entice Men Into Jail.

We are all more or less shams, and as members of society we are forced to conform to the standards of the majority. The inclination toward false pretenses is so dominant that we justify ourselves while outwitting condemning others because they play the game with the same experience. Very often better than we do, Mr. Shaw removes the mask and shows us ourselves as we really are, and we proceed to criticize him for his temerity in telling the truth.

A corporation conducted along the same lines as society, every member trying to deceive the others and the public generally, would be indicted for perjury, false pretenses, and using the mails for purposes of fraud. We realize

that to tell the unvarnished truth to the closest friends would make them the bitterest enemies, and we would be classed as knaves or fools, and when we hear it about ourselves, even from Mr. Shaw, we wish to put him in the same class, but he is indignant to what we say or think, and if we don't like it we can resign from the "Ananias Club" and join the "seekers after truth." From five to seven girls the women have been enticing men not only into matrimony, but extravagance, bankruptcy, and jail. From the Sabine women to American mothers with titled daughters the maternal instinct has longed for the man of blood, ancestry, or position with the aroma of royalty or the sovereignty of wealth, and while daughters (except those belonging to "the back-to-nature society") are adorned with more clothes than Mother Eve, at social functions every art of the dressmaker is used to lure, attract, deceive, and entice men into the matrimonial mesh. Mr. Shaw simply and plainly tells you such things as you yourself know when he invites attention to the sham of society—the deceptive devices of girls, the promoting methods of mothers. It is said truth is at the bottom of a well. Mr. Shaw brings up the bucket filled to the rim and invites doubters to drink. Why refuse because it tastes different from what you are used to?

E. L. EPPSON,
Cherry Chase, D. C.

FORMER NEVADA SOLON DIES.

Los Angeles, Nov. 28.—Former United States Senator John P. Jones, aged eighty-four, argonaut, miner, financier, and for thirty years—1872 to 1906—Senator from Nevada, is dead here to-day from a complication of diseases.

A widow and three daughters survive. Former Senator Jones was one of the small group in Congress who obtained for the Pacific Coast the Chinese exclusion bill.

Mrs. Robert H. Walton, of New York, a daughter, is en route to Los Angeles.

To Hear Sol in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Agents of the government announced to-day that the government's suit for the dissolution of the Harvester Trust, which was scheduled to be taken up in St. Louis to-morrow, would be continued in Chicago.

FOUR GOOD REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., Preaches on Our Prosperity—President in His Congregation.

"Four Reasons for Thanksgiving" was the subject chosen by Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., for his sermon at All Souls' Episcopal Church yesterday. President Taft, who attended the service, was an interested listener.

Our prosperity, our history, the great progress that education has made among us, and the great problems, political and economical, which confront us and call for our best energies, were the four blessings enumerated by Dr. Van Schaick.

In speaking of the first, Dr. Van Schaick quoted the Census Office to the effect that the value of farm property has increased by \$2,000,000, or more than 100 per cent, that it produces more than enough of the good things of the earth to supply all our people.

Concerning the fact that our national problems are blessings in disguise, Dr. Van Schaick said:

"They keep us from laziness and indifference. They arouse our clearest thought, and stimulate our patriotism. The great problems of past ages were problems of deficit. Our problems are problems of surplus. In the old days the barrel of meat wasted away, the cruise of oil failed. To-day men can till the broad prairies and the great river valleys free from all danger. New methods and new machinery have been introduced. The great distributing centers make a land wherein we may eat bread without scarceness. Still we hear on every side voices of warning, appeals for action, description of evil conditions, and predictions of disaster."

"A significant thing, often forgotten, is that most of our difficulties are difficulties of prosperity. Nearly all our problems are the problems of the fortunate. Realization of this fact makes no difference with the problem, but it ought to make a difference with us. We ought not to be worried or discouraged; we ought not to be surprised that there is something for us to do. If the way were perfectly plain before us as a nation, all our great prosperity might betray us into selfishness or the grosser forms of indolence."

Dr. Van Schaick asserted that our greatest problem to-day is that of distribution. The question to solve, he said, is how shall we just apportion our treasures so that each may be given a share due to his industry. The solution of this problem, he said, is to be sought in the progress of government, in the co-operation of the churches, in the proper economic development, and in the study of the social student.

"We should be thankful for our history," Dr. Van Schaick said. "From the earliest beginnings it has been the chronicle of a stern, sincere struggle for the ideal bound up in religion of the rights of man."

"Grateful for unnumbered blessings," Dr. Van Schaick concluded, "we are called to-day as a nation to stand for liberty, peace, and all that is best in civilization everywhere in the world."

DIAMOND CUTTERS SUFFER.

War in Balkans Has Curious Reaction in Paris.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Nov. 28.—A curious reaction of the war in the Balkans is to be found in the deficiency of employment for the Parisian diamond cutters. It seems that young Bulgarian women are great workers of diamonds. They wear their dowry on their bodies in this form, just as Hindoo women do in the form of silver and gold ornaments and anklets. The center of the Bulgarian diamond supply is Antwerp. Paris cuts diamonds for Antwerp, so the Parisian diamond cutters have less work than usual.

But the diamond workers of Paris are so well organized that they have little reason to fear such fluctuations in employment. Twelve years ago their wages were less than \$15 a week, and their working day ten and one-half hours. By trade union action they have established a piece work rate which brings in from \$12 to \$15 a week. They have also secured the enforcement of the

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1. Nervy Nat—A bad that would choke a tenor! Some Johnnie had his brains inspected once a month, or he wouldn't have been wise enough to leave his roll on the outside. I think I will mingle with the bookies myself.

2. Tout—I had it from Casey himself, an' he rides him. Put all yer got on "Certainly Not."

3. Bookmaker—Holy Snakes, Nat! It's a shame to take your money.
Nervy Nat—Never mind, man. Give me eight hundred dollars' worth of "Certainly Not," to win. Think you better borrow a nickel to get home with, old man, as it will take a wheelbarrow to get my pile away with. "Certainly Not" is five hundred to one.

4. Nervy Nat—Come in, "Certainly Not!" Get an axe, Casey! Climb up on his neck! Slap him on the wrist, but bring him in! I know I'll have one of my nervous headaches after all this excitement, but never mind. Gee! He's walking away from the bunch.

5. Nervy Nat—Just see me as far as the club, officer. You can have a hatful for your trouble. Yes, "Certainly Not" is a likely plug. The poor bookies says he'll have to go back to work on the farm. I'm coming back to-morrow with a furniture van.

6. Nervy Nat—Great sweepstakes! I hadn't taken a handful out of that wheelbarrow. I'm going to stop reading that sporting page in the Evening Dog Sheet before my afternoon nap. It was either that, or I shall have to quit eating those heavy luncheons.